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Dear Pastor or Dean,

The question of legitimacy, value and accreditation is a very valid one and it seems to us that it needs to be addressed on a regular basis. This time this will be done from another angle: Recognition of Prior Learning.

### **RPL is written into South African Law**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is defined in the National Standards Bodies Regulations (No 18787 of 28 March 1998, issued in terms of the SAQA Act 58 of 1995). On the grounds of this law any student or learning organisation, offering formal or informal training can claim, protect and defend its rights for recognising that which it has formerly studied.

In defining RPL the regulation makes clear a number of principles in the development and execution of RPL: (and we quote)

It recognises that learning occurs in all kinds of situations – **formally** (in any kind of organised learning situation), **informally** (in situations where people did not register for or expect an occasion of teaching) and **non-formally** (where people learn while doing the right kind of activity leading to such learning.

The measurement of the learning always takes place against **learning outcomes** which are required for a specific qualification. Credits are then awarded for such learning if it meets the **requirements of the qualification**.

We at CLT notice that an increasing number of organisations have become aware of this 14-year old law. Others will still have to get there!

### **Student Internet Registration**

Most of the Students have now registered at the different Bible Schools and more Bible Schools are still going to launch the new academic year. We can already see a growth pattern emerging from the orders so far.

Now is the time to take further action according to the announced list of students that you need to forward to us. This should be on an excel sheet which you can e-mail to us as an attachment. The following fields must be in the second row of the page:

Number (567012 for the twelfth student in Tuition Centre no 567), First Name, Surname and e-mail address (must be unique, no sharing with another student). These four are required. The Number is the going to be the **user name** and the password will be "*changeme*" and will have to be changed by the student upon first entry. Other information can then be entered by the student on-line.

*Let us get this done as soon as possible.* On the first line will be your Bible School details. List all your lecturers as students and do not make any notes in the excel fields as we will have to delete these and will loose the data anyway. Any explanation can be given on the e-mail itself. When we get the Moodle going, you will be an administrator who is able to modify the information.

Your Excel sheet will therefore only be a very basic report of your **Student Programme**. Students who do not have an e-mail address should get one from gmail or yahoo. Please remember, there should be no sharing an e-mail with another student or lecturer! It must be unique for each student or mentor.

## **New Bachelor**

This year we are incorporating skills training into each programme level. You have received the full list as a pdf. This has been received by Centres with open arms. The Bachelor has dropped one of the assignments (World Missions) and the credit values were changed. There are now 27 assignments. The B.Min now has 6 Skills, each attached to an assignment in the appropriate place, e.g. **Say a Few Words Effectively** at the Preaching (Homiletics) assignment. Due to a major upgrade in the Masters/Doctorate programme, we now will follow some of the ideas developed there and start the addition of hand-outs later this year. These need to be researched and written first.

## **New Books for 2010**

The following books are in the making:

- E46 Christian Ethics
- E83 Importance of Hebrew Roots
- E88 Communication Today
- E29 The Love Walk – New Lecture 3 – The Test of Love (1Cor 13)
- E120 The Major Prophets
- E121 The Minor Prophets
- E144 The Revelation of John

## **Full Masters Class**

The Masters Class has filled up. With 30 candidates seated in our faculty reception/library you can imagine how full the class is! This year the standard is much higher. We are adding the 4 skills to each level and an IT skill (PowerPoint). The requirements for the **Mini Proposal** and the final **Research Proposal** are clearly spelt out in a 26 and a 40 page manual respectively. Seven guides covering several **MBA-type topics** are also made available to the candidates. In all, 26 guides will be used in the programmes.

## **12 Year Expansion Plan**

We are making plans to expand since the demand keeps growing. In the next decade or so we will be producing 2 to 3 times more books (7-9% annual growth). This is a conservative estimate. Plans are in place for the needed extra space to produce the books as needed. Storage space is already available for 70% more books. The properties are already owned and almost paid off. We technically could have this capacity even at the end of next year. We will be ready. How about you? Let's think Great Commission.

## **New Publications Ready in March**

The following books will be released this month – can be ordered (for delivery in March):

- **Getting your Ideas Across** – **GYX** price: R36 (third week March '09)
- **Be Effective on the Phone** – **EPH** price: R36 (second week February '09)
- **Toegerus vir Oorwinning** – **TGO1** price: R191 (second week March '09)
- **Marriage and Family** – **MRF** price: R75 (third week March '09)

May God Bless your Ministry.

**The CLT Board**